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SUBJECT: ICCS: OBSERVATIONS ON ICCS TEAMS IN REGIONS I AND II

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1. ICCS LIAISON EMBOFF MARCH 8-9 VISITED I AND II REGIONAL AND SUB- REGIONAL SITES WHERE ICCS PRESENTLY DEPLOYED FOR PURPOSE OBSERVING CONDITIONS THESE SITES AND DISCUSSING SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

MACV LIAISON TO ICCS, BRIG. GEN. FAIRFIELD, PARTICIPATED IN SUB- REGIONAL VISITS, INCLUDING TAM KY, HOI AN, AND QUANG TRI.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH ICCS REGIONAL TEAMS IN HUE AND DANANG
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REVEALED THAT WHILE LATTER CLEARLY AWARE OF REGIONAL TEAM LATITUDE TO INITIATE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS STEMMING FROM REQUEST OF ONE OR MORE PARTIES ON FPJMC, HUE CHAIRMAN (HUNGARIAN) CONVINCED THAT IN ABSENCE OF DRV/ PRG FPJMC REPS ICCS TEAM COULD NOT TAKE REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION FROM EITHER OF OTHER TWO JMC PARTIES. CHAIRMAN ARGUED FULL FPJMC REGIONAL TEAM REQUIRED TO FIRST DISCUSS PROBLEM, AND ONLY THEN COULD ICCS BE CALLED UPON. EMBOFF SOUGHT PERSUADE HUNGARIANS THIS NOT THE CASE, BUT WE WILL FOLLOW- UP AT SAIGON LEVEL TO ATTEMPT MORE CLARIFICATION DOWNWARD FROM SAIGON ICCS HEADQUARTERS. (DANANG TEAM DID NOT SHARE VIEW OF HUE TEAM.) THIS WAS ONLY SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM IDENTIFIED DURING TRIP.

3. ALL TEAMS VISITED ARE BASICALLY OPERATIONAL, BUT CLEARLY UNDEREMPLOYED. CHU LAI TEAM (STILL RESIDENT AT TAM KY, BUT LIKELY TO OCCUPY CHU LAI SITE BY EARLY NEXT WEEK) HAS UNDERTAKEN ONE INVESTIGATION- SA HUYNH . TAM KY AND HOI AN TEAMS HAVE NOT BEEN REQUESTED TO UNDERTAKE, NOR HAVE INITIATED, ANY INVESTIGATIONS. HUE TEAM HANDLED INVESTIGATION OF DEMONSTRATION AGAINST DRV PERSONNEL, AND DANANG INVESTIGATED SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVING ICCS HELICOPTER BETWEEN DANANG AND HOI AN. QUANG TRI TEAM, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO RESIDE IN HUE UNTIL FACILITIES IN QUANG TRI READY- PROBABLY WITHIN 3-4 DAYS, HAS NOT YET BEEN TASKED WITH AN INVESTIGATION. IN THREE CASES WHERE TASKED, TEAMS HAVE CONDUCTED RELATIVELY PROMPT INVESTIGATIONS. (IN FOURTH CASE, HUE TEAM ABLE SUBMIT ONLY NEGATIVE REPORT IN ABORTIVE CUA VIET INVESTIGATION IN EARLY FEB.)

4. AS FAR AS COULD BE DETERMINED CHIPS ON ALL TEAMS APPEAR WORKING HARMONIOUSLY WITH EACH OTHER. SOME PREOCCUPATION WITH LIVING CONDITIONS EVIDENT IN HUE AND DANANG, POSSIBLY DUE IN PART TO UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION. CONDITION OF GROUND VEHICLES CONTINUES TO CAUSE PROBLEMS IN HUE AND DANANG, AND BE SOURCE OF ICCS IRRITATION. (EMBASSY IS ADDRESSING PROBLEM.) ICCS RELATIONS WITH LOCAL GVN AUTHORITIES GENERALLY APPEAR SATISFACTORY, WITH LOCAL VARIATIONS DEPENDING UPON PROVINCE CHIEF. NO REAL PROBLEMS APPEARED IN THIS REGARD, HOWEVER, CHIPS SEEM TO HAVE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN TOWNS, BUT GENERALLY HAVE NOT VENTURED BEYOND TOWN LIMITS MUCH.

5. DANANG CONGEN OFFICERS TASKED WITH FOLLOWING ICCS ACTIVITIES ARE WELL- INFORMED ON REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND ARE ESTABLISHING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIGHLY EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL TEAMS.

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